REMARKS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected the claims for the same reasons as in the Office Action of February 28, 2003. In Paragraph 13, the Examiner noted that the Applicant's arguments have been considered, and that the response relying on Varian should be in the form of an affidavit rather than a testimonial. An Affidavit by inventor Jack Hwang accompanies this Response. Applicant submits that the Affidavit provides sufficient reasons why the invention is not obvious over the references cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejections to the claims be withdrawn, and that the application proceed to allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Stephen M. De Klerk at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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